Statement-II

The names of the members of the Working Group constituted by the National Level Standing Committee.

1. Shri Jagman Singh
2. Shri R. N. Pandit
3. Shri S. P. Sangal
4. Dr. S. M. Patel
5. Dr. A. M. Michael
6. Dr. S. D. Khopar
7. Shri V. Nagraj
8. Shri S. M. Khandekar
9. Shri P. S. Das
10. Shri Hanumantha Rao
11. Shri K. S. Yadav
12. Shri D. P. Patel
13. Shri D. V. Brahme
14. Shri B. K. Bhattacharya
15. Shri Kuppu Swami
16. Shri M. L. Gupta
17. Dr. A. S. Chawla
18. Shri Dinubhai D. Patel.

Import of Insecticides etc. by Hindustan Insecticides Ltd.

2404. SHRI ALADI ARUNA alias V. ARUNACHALAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Insecticides Ltd., importing various pesticides, fungicides and weedicides and their formulations including banned items in collusion with the influencial private companies/ parties and selling the same to such Companies/Parties at a nominal service charges, and that is too without valid registration from Central Insecticides Board in gross violation of import policy;

(b) the names of the pesticides, fungicides, herbicides and their formulations which HIL imported during the last one and half years alongwith quantity, CIF prices and sold to individual companies, product-wise and on what rates and terms;

(c) whether it is a fact that HIL are taking undue advantages being a Government enterprise and are importing and selling such products, which other companies could not import and are banned and that too without valid registration; and

(d) what action Government have taken or propose to take against such irregularities and corruption in the management of the company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) M/s. Hindustan Insecticides Limited has been importing various pesticides, fungicides and weedicides and their formulations including the baned items as per the provisions vide para 185 of the Import and Export Policy (April, 1985 to March, 1988), which allows import of banned items, if required, through a public sector designated agency, on the recommendations of the Ministry of Agriculture and on the basis of foreign exchange released by the Department of Economic Affairs, subject to such conditions as may be imposed by the Government. Such products are imported and sold on high sea to the companies who posses valid registration under the Insecticides Act, 1968. Therefore, it is not necessary for M/s. Hindustan Insecticides Limited to hold the registration under the Act.

(b) The particulars of imports made by M/s. Hindustan Insecticides Limited during the last one and half years (January, 1986 to July, 1987) is annexed. (See Appendix CXLIII, Annexure No. 97).

(c) and (d) In view of the reply given at (a) above, the questions do not arise.